

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 28 are pending in the application.

This amendment assumes that the minor amendments made to dependent claims 20, 21, 25, and 26 in the July 2, 2008 amendment have been entered.

The applicants sincerely appreciate the interview of September 30, 2008 wherein it was agreed that the above amendments to claims 1 and 17 would overcome the rejections of record.

Amended claim 22 is patentable for at least the reason that in Nash the outer member is not moved along the filament and towards the inner member and tamped as claimed. This claim language is supported by at least paragraph 0051 of the application. In Nash, inner member 32 and outer plug 30 are fixed with respect to one another with a spacer 36' therebetween.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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